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**PATENT**  
**Case No.: 10022/041**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of	)	
	)	Group Art Unit: 2155
Scott R. Sargent	)	
	)	Examiner: Michael Young Won
Serial No.: 09/677,074	)	
	)	Confirmation No. 2139
Filed: September 29, 2000	)	
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For: BASE SERVICE ARCHITECTURES	)	
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Dear Sir:

Prior to further examination pursuant to the Request For Continued Examination included herewith, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks. Also enclosed for your consideration is a copy of a Disclosure Of Prior Art Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and accompanying PTO Forms 1449, which are being transmitted under separate cover via FedEx Tracking No. 8383-7609-9699.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2.

**Remarks** begin on page 6.